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In re the Application of

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For: FLEXIBLE PRINTED WIRING BOARD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 4 and 5 as follows:

4. (Amended) The flexible printed wiring board according to claim 1, wherein the metal bumps of the first flexible printed wiring part and the connection pads of the second flexible printed wiring part are arranged in a zigzag fashion.

5. (Amended) The flexible printed wiring board according to claim 1, wherein the first flexible printed wiring part and the second flexible printed wiring part are stuck together by an anisotropic conductive film, thermoplastic polyimide, or epoxy resin.

Please add new claims 7-11 as follows:

-- 7. The flexible printed wiring board according to claim 2, wherein the metal bumps of the first flexible printed wiring part and the connection pads of the second flexible printed wiring part are arranged in a zigzag fashion.--

--8. The flexible printed wiring board according to claim 3, wherein the metal bumps of the first flexible printed wiring part and the connection pads of the second flexible printed wiring part are arranged in a zigzag fashion.--

--9. The flexible printed wiring board according to claim 2, wherein the first flexible printed wiring part and the second flexible printed wiring part are stuck together by an anisotropic conductive film, thermoplastic polyimide, or epoxy resin.--

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--10. The flexible printed wiring board according to claim 3, wherein the first flexible printed wiring part and the second flexible printed wiring part are stuck together by an anisotropic conductive film, thermoplastic polyimide, or epoxy resin.--

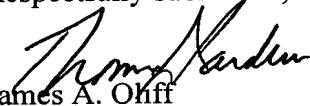
--11. The flexible printed wiring board according to claim 4, wherein the first flexible printed wiring part and the second flexible printed wiring part are stuck together by an anisotropic conductive film, thermoplastic polyimide, or epoxy resin.--

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REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 4 and 5 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and claims 7-11 are added to compensate for the subject matter deleted from claims 4 and 5.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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Appendix

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